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(c) whether the Tahsildar himself obtained a statement from the monigar of the village screening the tahsildar from complicity in the affair ;

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the connected papers on the table ;

(e) whether it is a fact that this same Tahsildar recommended for dismissal the karnam of the adjoining village of Kangayanallur who happened to be an eye-witness to the occurrence and got him dismissed ; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the District Collector restored the karnam to office seeing that the charges against him were groundless ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (e) & (f) An enquiry has been ordered and a report has been called for from the Collector of North Arcot on an affidavit communicated to the Government by the hon. Member which affidavit makes certain allegations against the Tahsildar. The allegations contained in clauses (c), (e) and (f) will also be communicated to the Collector for report.

(d) The request will be considered when the report has been received.

Public Service

Report of the committee to enquire into the grievances of non-gazetted officers.

* 1454 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the proposals of the Special Officer Mr. A. R. (afterwards Sir Arthur) Knapp regarding the disabilities of the non-gazetted services were placed before a Committee of the Legislative Council for consideration and report, and if so, when ;

(b) whether the Committee submitted a report on those proposals ; and

(c) if so, when ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Yes. In February 1921.

(b) & (c) The Committee submitted an ad interim report on the 1st March 1921. No further report was received by Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire what action was taken on the report of the Committee submitted on February 1921 ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask what steps were taken to obtain the final report ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know if the Government will place before the House the specific reasons for taking no action on the report ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I did not say that no action was taken ; I just asked for notice of that question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether certain recommendations of the Committee were not accepted by the Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am sorry I cannot answer the question now ; I must ask for notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to take any action on the report now ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" So far as I am aware, all the action to be taken has been taken already."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the report is still pending with the Government for the last 8 years or has been lodged ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The matter has been disposed of. All action, the Government wanted to take, has been taken already."

Village Establishments

Jamabandi allowance to village menials in Gudiyattam taluk.

*1455 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : With reference to the answer to question No. 451 answered on 9th October 1928 regarding the jamabandi allowance to village menials of Gudiyattam taluk for fasli 1336, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report called for from the Board has been received and if so whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table of the House with the orders of Government thereon ?

A.—Copies of the reports [a] from the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1928 and 12th October 1928, and of G.O. No. 2781, Revenue, dated 27th November 1928, are laid on the table.

Water-rate

Alleged prohibition of baling water for irrigation from the Manjalnathi river.

*1456 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Punvaramkottai and Karattupatti villages in Nilakottai taluk, Madura district, had ever since the formation of those villages enjoyed the right of irrigating their fields by baling water from the Manjalnathi flowing east of Manjal anicut in Butlagundu ;

(b) whether it is a fact that water-rates had been levied from them for the use of water of the river both for single and double crops ;

(c) whether they were at any time prohibited from using this water ; and

(d) whether such prohibition extends to their baling water from springs caused by the deepening of the bed of the river in certain places ?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information on the subject A report has been called for.

Wild animals

Loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining Gumsoor forests by tigers.

*1457 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any information about the loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining the Gumsoor forests by tigers ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 112–114 infra.